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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

Some one has suggested that North Carolina be named "The Berry State," and the Greenville Reflector thinks that perhaps it would be the thing to do. Almost any one could agree to the proposition in view of the regular berry crop that is gathered in the State every year. And certainly no one could object to it after reading of the prospects of two crops a year as told by the Duplin Journal as follows: "A good many strawberry growers are expecting to make another crop this summer. The plants in some of the farms are white with blooms and there are already a good many young berries. Mr. I. R. Faison is among those who will hope for a full crop by this second edition."

Two Crops a Year.

The Roxboro Courier thinks that graded schools are great helpers for general education. It believes all need education, and discusses it as follows: "The best day's work Roxboro ever did was when it established a graded school, and the next best was when it adopted the graded school measure at our recent election. At this day no town can hope to keep pace with even material progress if it does not look well to the educational question. There was a time when it was thought that if one of the boys was educated he must necessarily be either a lawyer, preacher or a doctor; otherwise there was no need for education. But that day has passed, and if you wish or expect your boy to measure up or have an equal show for success then he must be educated. This truth is equally true whether he wants to be a professional man, a farmer, or a mechanic. In fact we believe that it is more imperative if he expects to be a merchant than if a professional man for there are more young brains to-day in the mechanical world than in the professional. Some may doubt this statement but we believe it is true."

It seems to be pretty well established, according to the authority of the scientists, that only those who are bitten by mosquitoes have malaria. Indeed the scientists make such declaration positive. This being the case it would be wise to exterminate the mosquitoes. At first thought this seems impossible and the idea entirely impracticable; but there is more possibility, perhaps, of destroying mosquitoes than one would suppose. It is said that petroleum sprinkled over marshes and swamps and in ditches where water stands will prevent the development of mosquitoes. Every pool of water, broken jar, tin can or any other vessel that will hold water about the premises should have attention. In many places the health authorities of the towns are taking the matter in hand, and there would seem little reason why almost every town and village should not do it. Many will say that all this talk about mosquitoes carrying malaria is like some fine-spun theory that the ordinary mind can not grasp, and so means nothing. Suppose that any mind can not grasp a scientific truth? That does not annihilate the truth at all.

Much has been said verbally and in the public prints in North Carolina of late concerning good roads. Mecklenburg county for years has been regarded as the model county in the State in the matter of road making. Charlotte is the centre of the county's commercial interests, and quite naturally the efforts for good roads have been from Charlotte towards the outer points of the county. Of the public roads leading out from Charlotte one hundred and eighty miles have already been macadamized and preparations are being made to macadamize a hundred miles more. The results are pleasing indeed, and no one enjoys a greater advantage from the improved condition of the roads than the farmer. By reason of good roads the farmer is able to haul his produce to market about as well in one kind of weather as another, and at much less wear and tear on his team; and the same team is able to draw almost twice as much over the good roads as they could over muddy and poorly graded roads. Nothing pays a community better than good roads. Guilford county thinks that good roads are desirable. That county has recently voted for bonds to the amount of \$300,000 with which to make good roads. In the years to come the good roads in Guilford will be a blessing, and will greatly aid agriculture.

"We had good homes but didn't know it," was the remark of a sailor boy whom the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH conversed with on a railroad car a few evenings ago. There were three of the boys. They were about 15, 17 and 18 years old respectively. Their home is in Savannah, Ga., and they were going from Norfolk to see their parents. One of them had fifteen days to stay home and the other two had ten days. The difference in the time was because of special good behavior of one. They talked freely of their experience in the navy. They had been out only eight months and were glad enough to get a few days at home. "We were crazy to see the world," said one of the boys, "and we have seen enough already, but we have to stay until we are twenty-one years old. We had good homes but did not know it." One of the boys will have to remain six years longer and the other two about three years. Their experience is not unlike that of many other boys who get crazy to see the world. They have good homes but do not know it. But in those boys who had had enough touch with the world already to toughen them up, could be seen the effect of good home influences. And so it ever is, for the most part. Good home training and wholesome home influences give a touch of kindness and culture that nothing else can. It would be far better for all if more boys had enough of these good home influences and could appreciate them without having to wade through bitter experiences in order to realize what a good home is and what are its blessings. One thing about these three sailor boys was remarkable, and that was their politeness. Nothing pays any boy better than to learn and practice politeness.

DANGERS OF UNWASHED FRUIT.

Millions of Disease Germs Cluster on Small Bunches.

New York Press. On that bunch of cherries you buy from the Italian on the street corner and eat with so much relish are clustered four or five millions of dangerous disease germs. Exceedingly minute they are, and the flavor of the fruit is in no way impaired by their presence, but there they are all the same—micrococci, bacilli, spirilla—whole families of them.

When we eat an unwashed pear about 200,000 bacteria are carried into the system, twice that number on a handful of garden strawberries, and still more on raspberries, grapes and currants. The most infested fruits are cherries, with 12,000,000 bacteria to the half pound; currants with 11,000,000 and grapes with 8,000,000.

A man will readily consume a half pound of grapes at a sitting, and if the state of his health leaves him open to the attacks of disease, it can be appreciated what a tremendous risk he runs of poisonous infection by the germs.

Not many weeks ago inquiry was made into the state of the surface air in this city. The air for several feet above the ground was found to be literally swarming with bacteria. Now it is a matter of everyday observation that the fruits exposed for sale on the sidewalks and curbs of New York are placed at no great distance from the pavement. In many instances they are so near the ground as to be in the very center of the germ-bearing strata of air. The inference is obvious. Yet in spite of these facts, not one in a hundred who hastily buys an apple or a banana on the corner gives the matter of bacteria the slightest thought, and not one in a thousand goes the length of taking the sanitary precaution of washing the fruit.

Should be Allowed to go Without Day

Charlotte Observer. At the recent term of Surry Superior Court one of the indictments was that of a citizen for retailing; and the defendant "sat down and wrote" (did you ever notice that no man ever speaks of having written a letter without saying that he "sat down and wrote" it?) to the court, Judge Walter H. Neal, presiding, a letter in manner and form as follows, to-wit—we are indebted to a member of the Charlotte bar for a copy of it: "to the Honor of the Court of Surry Co. Spring Term 1903

"I am charged with Retailing I wish to say that I had bin afflicted with chronic Rheumatism for moer then 4 years and hav bin advised to use whiskey with Erbs and minrel and in february of last year i sent my keg 20 miles and bought 5 gallons whiskey and when I got it the nabors was sick or got sick rite strate. I divided my whiskey with the sick til it was gon gal i sent my keg back 3 or 4 times til in the summer when i quit keeping Eny for my own use as it seemed to create sickness in the naborhood.

And as i had bin getting wors all the time for 4 years until now when i am confined to my bed and chair and hav but little hope of Ever getting Eny better, i herin beg the Honor of the Court to discontinue this case. i hav no money nether had i Eny property to get Eny money out of i hav not bin able to do Eny work in over 3 years therefore i think it best for the county. Yore informant ought to pay the cost as he is thought to be A man who has made and sold Hundreds of gallons unlawful. J. H. FOWLER."

We are not advised whether or not the court "discontinued the case" against Citizen Fowler. It should have done so for the concelous or unconscionous humor of his letter; but if it did not, and the case was proceeded to conviction, Governor Aycock should pardon the defendant and The Observer hereby makes application to His Excellency in his behalf.

A SURE THING.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, is a sure cure for all throat and lung troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. R. VanMire, of Shepherdsdown, W. Va., says, "I had a severe attack of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grippe, Pertussis and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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Have you got nerves? Well, you ought to have nerves. But they ought to be strong nerves, good nerves. Does your hand tremble? You are living too fast. Does your heart flutter at times? You had better call a halt. Americans live too fast. They crowd too much into a single day. They have too little leisure. The hospitals and insane asylums are filling up. The quiet, pastoral scenes of yore are becoming rare. It's time that we quit this sort of business.

How to Get Strong Nerves.

First, repeat the inquiry already done to your nerves. The way to do this is to

do exactly as did Mattie B. Curtis, Secretary of Legion of Loyal Women, Hotel Salem, Boston, Mass. She said in a recent letter: "I suffered for over a year with general weakness and debility manifested in severe headache and backache. I took four bottles of Peruna, and for two months have been entirely free from these maladies."

Nervous Prostration.

Thousands of cases might be quoted in which Peruna has been used to rescue people from the perdition of deranged nerves, and put them on the good, solid foundation of health. The County Auditor

The Woman Who Tolls.

Atlanta Constitution. Recently the Chicago Tribune collected some startling facts and figures in proof of the oft-heard complaint that women are deserting the home for business occupations at a rate which threatens, if not the very foundations of society, the job of the erstwhile lord of creation. The learned sociologists have taken a fresh grip on the question, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that, if happily, race suicide does not result, men will have to stay at home with the babies and wrestle with the dish-rag and clothes-ringer.

The New York Sun takes an exceedingly pessimistic view of the Chicago Tribune's findings and asks in despair what is to become of the men: "Will man become obsolete?"

In Chicago 86 women are butchers, 1,444 are laborers, 183 are iron and steel workers, 129 are saloon keepers, 548 are physicians and surgeons, and 475 are barbers and hairdressers. In the list of book-keepers and accountants there is one woman to every two men. Of stenographers and typewriters, only 1,662 men are left to the 8,113 women who have invaded the field and carried it off in their notebooks. As book-binders there are 1,612 women and only 1,253 men. The paper-box makers number 1,046 women, as against 311 men, and as teachers in schools and colleges there are 7,200 women to only 1,591 men.

But maybe the weaker sex are only changing places with the men. The New York Times shows that in that city the family washerwoman has been superseded by the family "washerman," and there is a "new method" laundry on the west side where an extra charge is made for shirts on the strength of the fact that the ironing is done by men. The men succeed better than the women, partly on account of their greater strength, it is said, and the "washerman" is especially appreciated by the wearers of high-grade colored shirts. "Men waiters, chefs and stewards have the preference, and even the

unspcakable kitchen servant is preferably replaced with a male skillett-rattler.

After all, time may adjust this matter by allowing the masculine part of humanity to keep house for the woman who toils down town, or fill the places she has come to regard with withering scorn.

Man must continue to worry along somehow, if the race is to be permitted to survive.

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Partial Eclipses of the Moon.

Winnington Messenger. No person now living on the American continent, nor those born for several hundred years to come will ever see another partial eclipse of the moon. The next opportunity for such a sight will be in the year 2700, it is said. There will be a partial eclipse next fall, but it will not be visible on this continent. After that all the eclipses of the moon will be total until the date above mentioned.

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's drug store, Hobgood.

Napoleon and Good Roads.

Raleigh Times. The public roads which Napoleon built for France are among the few evidences which continually remind the people of that country of the greatness and glory of the uncrowned king. We do not think history would ascribe Napoleon altogether selfish in this enterprise. It is true, he wanted good roads over which to transport his armies, and yet we think he was wise enough and loved his country to the extent that he could see the value of these highways after the battles should have been fought.

MR. LAMB'S CERTIFICATE.

My little son had been troubled with Ringworm on his hand for a year. We tried various remedies with no effect. At last we used Hancock's Liquid Sulphur, and after three or four applications there was improvement, and in three weeks it was entirely cured.

tor of Erie county, New York, Hon. John W. Wolf, in a recent letter written at Buffalo, New York, stated: "I was persuaded by a friend to try a bottle of your great nerve tonic, Peruna, and the results were so gratifying that I am more than pleased to recommend it."

A Spring Tonic.

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question. Everyone who has tried it has had the same experience as Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, of Lynchburg, Va., who, in a recent letter, made use of the following words: "I always take a dose of Peruna after business hours, as it is a great thing for the nerves. There is no better spring tonic, and I have used about all of them."

Catarrh in Spring.

The spring is the best time to treat catarrh. Nature renews herself every spring. The system is rejuvenated by spring weather. This renders medicine more effective. A short course of Peruna, assisted by the balmy air of spring, will cure old, stubborn cases of catarrh that have resisted treatment for years. Everybody should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on catarrh. Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Lulu Larmer, Stoughton, Wis., says:

"For two years I suffered with nervous trouble and stomach disorders until it seemed that there was nothing to me but a bundle of nerves. I was very irritable, could not sleep, eat or compose myself, and was certainly unfit to be a household. I took nerve tonics and pills without benefit. When I began taking Peruna I grew steadily better, my nerves grew stronger, my rest was no longer fitful, and to-day I consider myself in perfect health and strength. My recovery was slow but sure, but I persevered and was rewarded by perfect health."—Mrs. Lulu Larmer.

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Water.

By Gough. Look at that, ye thirsty ones of earth, behold it! See its purity; how it glisters, as if a mass of liquid gems! It is a beverage that was brewed by the hand of the Almighty himself—not in simmering still or smoking fire, choked with poisonous gases and surrounded by the stenches of sickening odors and rank corruption, does our Father in Heaven prepare the precious essence of life in the pure cold water; but in the green glade and gray dell where the red deer wanders and the child loves to play; there God brews it; and down in the deepest valleys where the fountains murmur and the rills egle; and high upon the mountain tops where the storm-clouds brood and the thunders clash, and away far out on the wide sea where the hurricanes howl music, and the big waves roll the chorus, sweeping the march of God—there He brews it—that beverage of life—health-giving water—and every where it is a thing of beauty. Glimmering in the drops, glistening in the summer rain, shining in the ice gem, till the trees all seem turned into living jewels, spreading a golden veil over the setting sun, or a white gase around the mid-night moon, sporting in the glaciers, dancing in the hail showers, folding its bright curtain softly about the wintry world, and weaving the many colored iris, that serap's zone of the sky, whose warp is the rain drops of earth, whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven; and all checkered over with the celestial flowers by the mystic hand of refection, still always it is beautiful, that blessed life water. No poison bubbles on the brink, its foam brings no sadness or murder.

HOW TO WARD OFF AN ATTACK OF RHEUMATISM.

"For years when spring time came on and I went into gardening, I was sure to have an attack of rheumatism and every attack was more severe than the preceding one," says Josie McDonald, of Man, Logan county, West Va. "I tried everything with no relief whatever, until I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and the first application gave me ease, and before the first bottle was used I felt like a new person. Now that I feel that I am cured, but I always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, and when I feel any symptoms of a return I soon drive it away with one or two applications of this liniment." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug

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